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SUBJECT: SJCOG 2002/03 – 2004/05
FTIP Amendment No. 12

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

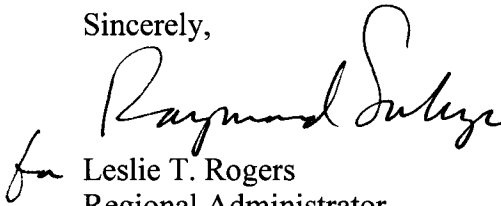
We have completed our review of the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment No.12 submitted with your letter dated July 29, 2003. This amendment modifies various transit projects for the City of Tracy, utilizing funds from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality and Section 5307 programs with no significant financial impact.

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this FSTIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed (40 CFR §93.126 and/or 40 CFR §93.127).

This finding has been coordinated with the Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of Amendment No. 12 into California's 2003/05 FSTIP with the understanding that FTA funding approval of projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements. Our approval is based on Caltran's assurance that the funding for these projects does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,


for Leslie T. Rogers
Regional Administrator

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